Case 6887

Examiner: Luebke

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Serial No. 09/491,841

Filed: August 23, 1999

For: A DEVICE FOR CONTACTING IN

PARTICULAR ELONGATED

ILLUSTRATIVELY SUBSTANTIALLY

CYLINDRICAL BODIES SUCH AS

CABLES OR PIPES/TUBES

Group Art Unit: 2833

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 4, 2000 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 4, 2001, amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 16-18, 20, 22, 23-26, 29, 30 and 39 with the following rewritten claims.

- A device for providing electrical contact to an outer conductor of a coaxial cable, the outer conductor having bare segments, said device comprising:
- a base structure adapted to be tensioned around a coaxial cable, said base structure provided with an interior surface and an exterior surface;